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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I write to you as a so-far satisfied Sonic customer. I chose to support a local business, and they are reliable and responsive (and have happy employees). I have phone service and internet connection via DSL. Since Sonic has been expanding fiber connectivity, which I've been waiting patiently for, at least so far.

Now it seems AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical for last-mile copper and inter-city fiber; the very technology that allowed Sonic to grow, expand fiber deployment, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of its customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options for consumers.

Please don't allow AT&T and US Telecom to block Sonic! They are a great local company that provides healthy competition for the big players.

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